

# Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Exam Checklist

## State Registered Vessels < 26', < 20 miles from shore

<b>Vessel Name:</b>		<b>Number:</b>	
<b>BRIDGE &amp; DOCUMENTS</b>			
33 CFR 173 46 CFR 67	<b>Registration/Documents/Markings:</b> Original registration on board and valid; vessel number both sides, forward part of hull, 3" block letters, contrasting color.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.165	<b>Injury Placard:</b> Required on all vessels.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	<b>Navigation Lights:</b> During darkness and/or in or near areas of restricted visibility Side Lights (112.5°), all around white light or Mast Head Light (225°) & Stern Light (135°). <b>Fishing Lights:</b> In a vertical line, one meter apart. Red over White (360°) all other than trawling; Green over White (360°) when trawling.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	<b>Dayshapes:</b> Two black cones, apex to apex (not required on trollers).	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	<b>Sound Producing Devices:</b> Vessels < 12m (39.4'): Some means of making an efficient sound signal.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
<b>LIFESAVING</b>			
46 CFR 28.145 46 CFR 28.140	<b>Visual Distress Signals:</b> 3 hand-held rocket-propelled parachute red flares plus six hand red flares plus three floating orange smoke distress signals.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.110 46 CFR 28.135 46 CFR 28.140	<b>Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs):</b> One Type I, II, III, V or immersion suit for each person on board. PFD need PFD light, marked with name of vessel or wearer & retroreflective tape (31 sq. in.) front & back, properly maintained & stowed readily accessible; if operating in cold water, immersion suits are required.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.115 46 CFR 28.135	<b>Ring Life Buoys:</b> If < 16', none required; 16' to < 26', one cushion (Type IV PFD) or ring life buoy. Ring life buoy marked w/vessel name/number, four strips of retroreflective tape, 60' of floating line & stowed readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.120 46 CFR 28.125 46 CFR 28.130 46 CFR 28.140	<b>Survival Craft:</b> Life float required if operating in warm water, marked w/vessel name/number, four strips of retroreflective tape, 100' painter & electric light; inflatable buoyant apparatus required if operating in cold water, may be stowed to float free or kept readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.150 46 CFR 25.26 46 CFR 28.135 47 CFR 80 46 CFR 28.140	<b>Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB):</b> One Category 2, 406 MHz EPIRB; marked with vessel name/number and retroreflective tape; EPIRB must be registered with NOAA.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
<b>ENGINE ROOM/MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
46 CFR 28.155 46 CFR 28.160 46 CFR 25.30	<b>Portable Fire Extinguishing Equipment:</b> Required one B-I fire extinguisher on board; USCG, UL or FM approved; mounted in approved bracket; in good condition; must have pressure gauge or inspection record.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 25.35	<b>Flame Arrestor:</b> If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 25.40	<b>Ventilation:</b> If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 CFR 159.7	<b>Marine Sanitation Device:</b> Type I, II or III; required only if there is an installed toilet on board; Type III must be fitted with a positive means (padlock/wire tie) of securing overboard discharge valve when vessel is not > 3 miles from shore.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	

To schedule a "no fault, no penalty" voluntary dockside examination, please contact one of these fishing vessel safety professionals:

In Maryland, call:  
 In Virginia, call:  
 In southern New Jersey, call:  
 In North Carolina, call

the Baltimore, MD Examiner at (410) 576-2634  
 the Norfolk, VA Examiner at (757) 668-5533  
 the Philadelphia, PA Examiner at (215) 271-4989  
 the Atlantic Beach, NC Examiner at (252) 247-4562